IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Examiner: BASI, Nirmal Singh
ASHKENAZI, et al.	Art Unit: 1646
Application Serial No. 09/909,088	Confirmation No: 1981
Filed: July 18, 2001)	Attorney's Docket No. 123851-181890 (GNE-1618P2C79)
For: SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE) POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS) ENCODING THE SAME	Customer No. 77845

ON APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL BY APPELLANTS

Commissioner for Patents - MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On February 1, 2007, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 39-47, 49-52 and 55-58. A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 25, 2007 and Appellants' Appeal Brief was filed November 21, 2007. A Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed December 5, 2007, and Appellants' amended Brief was filed January 3, 2008. An Examiner's Answer was mailed April 8, 2008, and Appellants' Reply Brief was filed January 8, 2009. A Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was mailed April 1, 2009, and Appellants' amended Brief was filed June 30, 2009.

Appellants hereby request that the appeal be withdrawn, and that the above-identified application be expressly withdrawn as of the filing date of this paper.

I am the attorney or agent of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 30, 2009

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